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**UPDATE #2
HIGHLIGHTS
NEW JERSEY ZINC/MOBIL CHEMICAL
PROJECT**

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS***Interim collection and treatment system for water along Marquette Street and water discharging into DePue Lake***

- In August, the DePue Group began construction of the lift station (pump station) just north of Marquette Street and the water collection system. This work is being conducted under permit issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The IEPA has placed the permit in the project repository (located in the Selby Township Library) for public viewing.
- The old ZCA building has been remodeled to house the water treatment plant.
- In September, the DePue Group began construction of the water treatment system under IEPA permit. The IEPA has placed the permit in the project repository (located in the Selby Township Library) for public viewing.

The ditch leading to DePue Lake

The DePue Group has submitted, for IEPA review, a draft report of sediment samples collected along the south ditch discharging into DePue Lake. The IEPA will place the final report in the Selby Township Public Library after the report meets IEPA approval. Review and revisions of the draft report will take approximately two months.

ONGOING ACTIONS***Dust suppression***

The DePue Group continues dust suppression measures on the site. Air monitoring results have shown that the dust suppression measures have been effective in keeping harmful releases of dust from leaving the site. Because of the favorable air monitoring reports, the air monitoring was discontinued September 4. Dust suppression measures will continue. The DePue Group will resume air monitoring if the IEPA or the DePue Group decides air monitoring is again needed due to changes in site conditions or activity.

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Gypsum pile

Mobil and Viacom continue to grade and seed the gypsum pile. They have installed an irrigation system which further reduces the water in the ponds, and the water from the irrigation system is used to enhance vegetation growth. Vegetation is established over approximately 50 percent of the pile.

UPCOMING ACTIVITY

Site-wide remedial (environmental) investigation including offsite property

The DePue Group has submitted revisions to the site assessment plan. The Group has also submitted for IEPA review a draft scoping document for the site-wide remedial investigation. The scoping document should include an outline of technical work expected to be necessary for the investigation.

Kiosk

Within the near future, the IEPA expects to place a kiosk in the DePue Post Office. A kiosk is a structure that will hold information about the project including forms that residents may use to write comments and questions about the project. The kiosk will have a slot where these forms can be deposited. IEPA staff will collect these forms every working day that they are in town and will respond to the comments and questions as soon as they are able.

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Repository location: Additional project information for public review is located in the
Selby Township Library
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815/4477-2600
Library hours vary so please call ahead.